

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2-4; amend Claims 1 and 5-10; and add new Claims 11 – 14 as indicated below. The status of all pending claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A pneumatic tire, comprising:

a circumferential straight main groove provided at a center of a tread center region;

an arcuate curved main groove provided on each side of the straight main groove, where each of said arcuate curved main grooves is composed of a plurality of arcuate grooves that are circumferentially formed, with ends of adjacent arcuate grooves connected to each other, so as to be continuous in a repeated manner e; and

a circumferential auxiliary groove, provided in each tread shoulder region, each circumferential auxiliary groove having a width smaller than that of any of the straight main groove and the arcuate curved main ~~grooves~~ grooves.

wherein the arcuate curved main groove includes side walls which are curved parallel to each other,

wherein the arcuate curved main grooves are circumferentially formed to be in a see-through state,

wherein a plurality of inclined grooves are provided circumferentially with a given interval therebetween so as to cross the auxiliary grooves diagonally, and

wherein an inner edge portion of the inclined groove is connected to the arcuate curved main groove.

2-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The pneumatic tire according to ~~any of claims 1 and 2~~ claim 1, wherein each of the widths of the straight main groove and the arcuate curved main groove is 5 to 15 mm.

6. (Currently Amended) The pneumatic tire according to ~~any of claims 1 and 2~~ claim 1, wherein the width of the auxiliary groove is 1 to 5 mm.

7. (Currently Amended) The pneumatic tire according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the width of the inclined groove is 1 to 7 mm.

8. (Currently Amended) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein each arcuate groove, of the arcuate curved main groove, is defined between a concave side edge and a convex side edge.

9. (Currently Amended) The pneumatic tire according to claim 8, wherein said convex sides ~~face~~ side edge faces toward said straight main groove.

10. (Currently Amended) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the arcuate grooves of the arcuate curved main groove each include a convex side edge surface.

11. (New) A pneumatic tire, comprising:  
a circumferential straight main groove provided at a center of a tread center region;

an arcuate curved main groove provided on each side of the straight main groove, where each of said arcuate curved main grooves is composed of a plurality of arcuate grooves that are circumferentially formed, said arcuate grooves including adjacent inner side edges, that face said circumferential straight main groove and that are connected to each other, so as to be continuous in a repeated manner;

a circumferential auxiliary groove, provided in each tread shoulder region, each circumferential auxiliary groove having a width smaller than that of any of the straight main groove and the arcuate curved main grooves;

wherein a plurality of inclined grooves are provided circumferentially with a given interval therebetween so as to cross the auxiliary grooves diagonally; and

wherein inner edge portions of a set of the inclined grooves are connected to the arcuate curved main groove and outer edge portions are located within the tread shoulder region without extending to an outer edge of the tread shoulder region.

12. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, wherein the arcuate curved main grooves are circumferentially formed to be in a see-through state.

13. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 11, wherein a plurality of inclined grooves are provided circumferentially with a given interval therebetween so as to cross the auxiliary grooves diagonally.

14. (New) The pneumatic tire according to claim 13, wherein an inner edge portion of the inclined groove is connected to the arcuate curved main groove.